

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please cancel the current Abstract and replace it with the following new Abstract provided on a separate sheet.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8 and ending page 1, line 14, with the following amended paragraph:

The invention relates to the operation of an exhaust gas turbocharger. It relates particularly to a method for operating an exhaust gas turbocharger ~~according to the features of the preamble of patent claim 1~~, to a device for carrying out this method ~~according to the features of the preamble of patent claim 5~~ and to an exhaust gas turbocharger having such a device.